

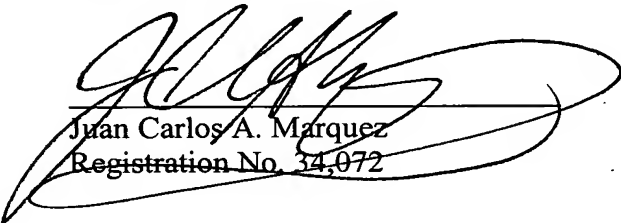
REMARKS

Applicants have amended the claims to remove multiple dependencies and improper reference numbers. No new matter has been added to the application as a result of these amendments.

In view of the above amendments and Applicants' comments stated herein, Applicants respectfully request an early and favorable action on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

Stanley P. Fisher
Registration Number 24,344



Juan Carlos A. Marquez
Registration No. 34,072

REED SMITH LLP
3110 Fairview Park Drive
Suite 1400
Falls Church, Virginia 22042
[(703) 641-4200
July 5, 2005